

District Court Judges

Surviving Spouse Benefits

No benefits or return of contributions are payable to the deceased District Court Judge's estate if a **retired** District Court Judge dies with no surviving spouse. If a District Court Judge dies **prior to retirement** with no surviving spouse or with a surviving spouse and the District Court Judge has less than five years of creditable service, the estate of the District Court Judge is entitled to the accumulated contributions in the District Court Judge's retirement account.

Survivor benefits are paid in equal monthly installments for the remainder of the spouse's life or until remarriage of the surviving spouse. However, the survivor benefit **does not** change when the current judicial position salary changes after the District Court Judge's death.

Judicial Service Only

A surviving spouse of any District Court Judge with **five or more years** of creditable service (judicial service only) is entitled to receive a benefit equal to three percent of the salary payable by the state to a District Court Judge at the time of death **multiplied** by the number of years of service, not to exceed 10 years. This benefit cannot exceed 30 percent of the salary payable by the state for the deceased District Court Judge's former judicial position.

ERS or TRS Transfer Service

A surviving spouse of any District Court Judge who has **five or more years** of creditable service, including ERS or TRS transfer service, is entitled to receive the following:

Surviving Spouse (ERS or TRS Transfer Service)

$\$550 \times \text{Years of Judicial Service (not to exceed 10 years)}$

Plus

$40\% \times 2.0125\% \times \text{Average Final Salary of Transfer Service} \times \text{Years of Transfer Service}$

This benefit **cannot** exceed 30 percent of the salary payable by the state for the deceased District Court Judge's former judicial position.